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## DANGER FOR ISRAEL GROWS AS STATE DEPT. DELAYS DECISION ON ARMS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- Pro-Israel circles here today expressed serious concern over the fact that the State Department is stalling on granting permission to Israel to acquire arms in this country immediately in order to prevent a possible Egyptian surprise attack on the Jewish State with bombers obtained from Soviet countries.

Disappointment was especially expressed over the fact that Secretary of State John Foster Dulles apparently did not react to the urgent personal appeal made to him on Friday by Israel Ambassador Abba Eban for swift action on Israel's request for \$50,000,000 worth of American arms. It was predicted here that Mr. Dulles may not act for at least another six weeks.

Pro-Israel circles here feel that delay by the United States in selling arms to Israel is not objectively justified and that, if the State Department were sincerely devoted to preserving Israel, it would prevent avoidable vulnerability of the State to Egyptian jet plane attack. The most urgent matter, in the view of Israel diplomats, is the growing preponderance of offensive Egyptian air strength while the United States continues to refuse to sell Israel a single item of military equipment requested.

A fear exists that, even if some really effective tripartite machinery were devised, Israel might be struck a devastating air blow before such apparatus might begin to function. Pro-Israel circles here see the future possibility of some international undertaking in the Middle East as no reason to withhold legitimate self-defense weapons, when such equipment is pouring into Egypt from the Communist bloc.

Following his call on Secretary Dulles last Friday, Mr. Eban stated that he visited the Secretary of State "for the sole purpose of emphasizing Israel's strong hope for early action on its request for arms." In that context, Mr. Eban said, a broader discussion of Israel's security situation took place. The Israel Ambassador stressed that "the first element" in Israel thinking was the necessity of acquiring weapons. The tripartite talks on Middle East security were described by him as of "marginal interest in relation to the arms issue." "Every week that passes without action on the arms application increases our sense of apprehension," Mr. Eban emphasized.

## Republican Congressmen Modify Stand on Arms Urgency

Meanwhile, Republican Congressmen who last week urged immediate shipment of arms to Israel, today modified their stand on the urgency of Israel's need for arms. Rep. Hugh Scott (R. Penn.), supporting Secretary Dulles' position, agreed that additional time is needed to test alternative ways, outside of arms shipments, of bringing peace to the Arab-Israel area. He said Mr. Dulles, in a recent talk with several Republican members of Congress, suggested, among other approaches to bring peace to the area, the implementation of the Tripartite Pact, the guaranty of existing frontiers, and the increase in the number of persons engaged in neutral patrols along the Arab-Israel border.

The Republican Congressman declared the State Department feels that there are better solutions to the Middle East crisis than selling arms to Israel at this time. The Department says that "something can be done within the near future," Mr. Scott said. "We say if that cannot be done," he added, "then at the very least there should be arms (to Israel) at that time." Rep. Scott described this as the position the Republican Congressmen who support arms to Israel will maintain toward the State Department.

Rep. Kenneth B. Keating, Republican, from New York, said that Mr. Dulles was not ruling out the necessity of arms to Israel, and that Israel's request would be "seriously reconsidered" at that time when present negotiations warranted it. Rep. Emanuel Celler, a Democrat, emphasizing Israel's immediate need for arms, said that a declaration of any kind would not save Israel if Egypt would suddenly attack. He said it is Israel's need for arms that must be considered immediately.

President Eisenhower conferred this week-end with Eric Johnston on the American plan for Arab-Israel water cooperation. In the course of last week's Tripartite conference, the State Department told the British and French ambassadors that the most immediate danger of Middle Eastern conflict arises from a reported Israel plan to resume operations on Jordan River waters, at Bnot Yaacov, site of the disputed project which is located in the Israel demilitarized zone adjacent to Syria. The State Department fears that Israel activity at Bnot Yaacov may provoke Syrian military measures, igniting a conflict.

## BIG THREE" MILITARY INTERVENTION IN ARAB-ISRAEL CONFLICT DIMS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- The possibility of direct Tripartite military intervention in the Arab-Israel conflict diminished today, as government sources reported the three powers decided on first attempting to use the machinery of the United Nations.

In the event of hostilities, the first move would be an appeal to the United Nations to order a cease-fire and withdrawal of invading forces under penalty of sanctions. If the United Nations did not take such action, the United States, England, and France might then take steps.

Tripartite measures discussed included an arms embargo, economic embargo, naval blockade, and severance of money and even charitable contributions originating in tripartite nations.

## AMERICAN LABOR OFFERS SIX-POINT PROGRAM FOR ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Feb. 12. (JTA) -- The AFL-CIO suggested a six-point program to achieve Arab-Israel peace, and called for immediate shipments of U.S. munitions to Israel to match Communist weapons flowing to the Arabs. In a statement released at its midwinter conference here, the AFL-CIO Council recommended that the United Nations be the instrumentality to bring about Mideast peace.

The combined labor group, representing virtually all organized workers in the United States, suggested a permanent UN committee of five nations to preserve Mideast peace, urged sanctions against violators of peace, the calling of a conference of Mideast nations to resolve differences, and the setting up of a special \$500,000,000 fund to seek solution of the Arab refugee problem. Israel should be the main contributor to the Arab refugee fund; it was recommended.

## SIX-DAY STRIKE OF PROFESSIONALS IN ISRAEL DISCUSSED BY CABINET

JERUSALEM, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- The Cabinet devoted its entire weekly session today to discussions relating to the six-day-old salary strike of physicians, educators, engineers and other professionals which has disrupted many governmental and health services. However, no steps for ending the walk-out were announced by the Cabinet, and there were indications that the strike would be expanded, embracing other professions.

There was a general impression here that the negotiators attempting to end the strike have come up against new difficulties. The Israel Medical Association today elected a new special committee to negotiate a settlement, but all moderates on the old committee were excluded; while extremists were added to the group.

On the other hand, Histadrut, the Israel Federation of Labor, which has denounced the strike as anti-Histadrut and anti-Government, adopted a resolution today calling for an end to the walk-out without granting a single demand of the strikers.

The Cabinet today decided to report officially to Parliament at tomorrow's session the resignation of Dr. Pinhas Rosen, Minister of Justice and the Progressive Party's representative in the Cabinet. Dr. Rosen quit the coalition government in protest against what he termed the government's failure to keep faith with the professional workers.

## EXTREMISTS IN TUNISIA USE EXPLOSIVES AGAINST JEWS; CAUSE DAMAGES

TUNIS, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- For the second time within a week, a Jew here has been the victim of a terrorist attack, arousing fears that nationalist extremists are bent on stirring up trouble by using Jews as scapegoats.

The latest attack occurred last night when a powerful explosion, probably of a home, caused considerable damage at the home of Maurice Lisica, a well-known businessman here and an influential member of the local Jewish community. Thursday night, a foot-wear store owned by another Jew, Claude Fellous, was seriously damaged when two unidentified men threw a stick of high explosives into the shop. In neither case were there any casualties.

Neither of the two Jewish businessmen plays any role in Tunisian political affairs. However, it is believed here that the anti-Jewish terrorists may be supporters of the extremist nationalist leader, Salah ben Youssef, who fled from the country last week. Ben Youssef is opposed to the moderate policies of Habib Bourguiba, leader of the Neo-Destour Party. It is believed also that the attackers may be students of Zoumana Moslem University here, which is known to have close connection with the fanatic Moslem Brotherhood.

## DR. GOLDMANN MEETS WITH FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER ON JEWISH PROBLEMS

LONDON, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldman, chairman of the Jewish Agency, who flew back to the United States today, declared here that during his stay in Paris he discussed various Jewish problems with French Foreign Minister Pineau. He also conferred with the Minister for Moroccan Affairs.

Referring to his meetings in West Germany with Chancellor Dr. Konrad Adenauer and Finance Minister Dr. Fritz Schaffer, with whom he discussed the problem of speeding up indemnification for individual victims of the Nazis, Dr. Goldman said that his request "was met with much understanding" by the leaders of the Bonn Government.

## JEWISH CONGRESS ADOPTS BUDGET OF \$1,700,000 FOR 1956 ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- A budget of \$1,700,000 for carrying on the work of the American and World Jewish Congresses, in 1956 was adopted here today at the concluding session of a two-day joint meeting of the American Jewish Congress national executive and administrative committees.

The meeting urged the Department of Justice to investigate the anti-Negro riot at the University of Alabama, and suggested that the Department use its full powers "to prosecute all persons who seek to intimidate American citizens in the enjoyment of the rights guaranteed them by the United States Constitution." The meeting also commended President Eisenhower for his message to Congress last week recommending relaxation in the existing immigration laws.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, announced at the meeting that the American Jewish Congress would submit to the State Department later this week a White Paper dealing with the anti-Jewish activities of Arab League countries. These activities, he said, fall into three categories: 1. The commercial boycott of American Jewish businesses; 2. The denial of visas and the right of travel to American Jews; and 3. The establishment and subvention of large-scale Arab propaganda centers for the purpose of disseminating anti-Jewish doctrines in the United States.

Dr. Goldstein declared that it was "disturbing that this discrimination is in large part supported and made possible by an unaccountable indifference displayed by U. S. authorities." Citing the refusal of Arab governments to grant visas to American Jews, he asserted that it was an "established American principle that no foreign government could discriminate between one American passport and another." He suggested that if any group of American citizens was not permitted to travel to some country, the State Department should forbid all American citizens from traveling there. The U. S. simultaneously should refuse to admit Arab travelers, he said.

Arab propagandists in the U. S., Dr. Goldstein charged, are working closely with professional anti-Semites. Heading up this effort is the Arab Information Center in New York, directed by Abdul Kamal Rahim, former Egyptian Ambassador to the U. S. and now Yemen's representative at the United Nations. Another active and malicious dispenser of anti-Jewish propaganda has been Syria's Ambassador to the United States, Dr. Fard Zeineddine, who propagates the line of the "Elders of Zion" forgeries and Nazi racialism," he said. Both of these Arab representatives enjoy diplomatic immunity. Dr. Goldstein called upon the State Department to declare them persona non grata since they have been "slandering, villifying and impugning the loyalties of a large section of American citizens."

## 5,000 NEW TEACHERS FOR JEWISH SCHOOLS SEEN NEEDED FOR NEXT 10 YEARS

CHICAGO, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- A national effort to cope with the unprecedented shortage of qualified teachers for Jewish religious schools has been launched by the American Association for Jewish Education at the meeting of its Board of Governors here today.

Functioning as the national service agency for Jewish education, the American Association for Jewish Education brings together all the elements in the American Jewish community in a concerted effort to advance the standards, scope, and achievements of Jewish religious education in this country.

Jewish education is rapidly approaching a crisis, if a long-range program and series of stop-gap measures will not be undertaken without delay, Philip W. Lown, president of the Association, told the gathering. In a dramatic recital of facts and figures, accentuated by case stories from various communities, Mr. Lown focused attention on the extent of the teachers' shortage.

"While there is a student population of approximately 400,000 children in week-day and Sunday religious schools, and while this student population is steadily increasing, there are only about 4,000 full-time professional teachers at the disposal of these schools," he reported.

"About 5,000 new teachers will be needed for the next 10 years, while on the basis of available enrollment statistics, all existing Teachers' Training institutions combined will be able to furnish only less than 20 percent of the total requirement," Mr. Lown estimated.

In realization of the great dangers inherent in this state of affairs to the development of Jewish religious and cultural life in this country, he presented plans, which the Board of Governors of the Association unanimously approved, for a concerted national effort to alert and arouse the American Jewish community to this foremost challenge to its spiritual existence.

## MAJOR JEWISH GROUPS LAUD EISENHOWER'S IMMIGRATION RECOMMENDATIONS

NEW YORK, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- Major Jewish organizations today rallied behind President Eisenhower's message to Congress last week calling for revision of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act. Statements lauding the President's move were issued by the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress, the Jewish Labor Committee, B'nai B'rith, and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

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## DR. JOSEPH TAL ARRIVES IN U. S. TO HELP U. J. A. LAUNCH ITS 1956 DRIVE

NEW YORK, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- Dr. Giora Gosephthal, treasurer of the Jewish Agency and head of its Immigration Absorption Department, arrived here today from Jerusalem to help the United Jewish Appeal launch its 1956 nationwide campaign on February 26 at the final session of a two-day National Inaugural Conference in Miami Beach.

Dr. Josephthal arrived here via Pan American Airlines after a brief stop-over in Frankfurt, Germany. In addition to his posts with the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem, he heads the Israel corporation that oversees operation of the \$715,000,000 Reparations Agreement with the West German Federal Republic.

The Israeli leader, along with William Rosenwald, general chairman of the UJA, and Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, the Appeal's executive vice-chairman, will be among the principal speakers at the inaugural of the UJA campaign. They will address more than 650 Jewish communal leaders representing campaign affiliates of the UJA in all parts of the country. Sessions will be held at the Ssxyony Hotel.

Dr. Josephthal met in New York with the UJA's national officers shortly after his arrival, to report on the current status of Jewish immigration from North Africa and the extent of Israel's financial participation in this program. Despite the continuing high rate of this immigration, with 45,000 scheduled to arrive by the middle of September, Israel's financial outlay has been dwindling steadily ever since this past October. This lessening of Israel's financial support stems from the Communist arming of Egypt, which in the past five months has put a heavy strain on Israel's reserves to assure the bolstering of its own position.

As Israel's chief officer for the resettlement and absorption of immigrants, Dr. Josephthal's chief concern is that American Jews respond fully to the United Jewish Appeal to make this mass resettlement possible. His discussions here with the UJA national leaders focussed on the amounts that can be raised in the next four months, when immigration from North Africa is expected to rise sharply above the current rate.

## AMERICAN J. N. F. DECIDES TO ESTABLISH 200 NEW SETTLEMENTS IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- Plans to provide land and other facilities for the establishment of 200 new agricultural settlements along the frontiers of Israel were announced here today following a meeting of the board of directors of the Jewish National Fund of America. Dr. Harris J. Levine was re-elected at the meeting to serve his sixth consecutive term as president of the JNF in this country.

The JNF directors reviewed the current Arab-Israel tension and decided: 1. To make available to new immigrants "as quickly as humanly possible" approximately 100,000 acres of land situated along Israel's borders "in order to expedite the establishment of 200 new agricultural frontier settlements"; 2. To accelerate the present five-year tree-planting program in Israel, which calls for the planting of 25,000,000 trees by the end of 1960; 3. To secure "ever-increasing support from the Jewish community in the United States for the historic programs of land reclamation in which the JNF has engaged for more than a half-century."

Noting that, since the establishment of Israel in 1948, a total of 180 new settlements have risen on Jewish National Fund land, principally in the strategic and troubled frontier areas, the board of the JNF asserted that the greatest service American Jews can render to the reduction of tension is the strengthening of Israel's security.

"The arming of Egypt by the Soviets, which cast an ominous shadow over the Middle East, strengthens our belief that the surest way to deter acts of aggression against Israel is to make Israel as secure and as strong as possible," the JNF board said in a statement. "The Arab leaders will not assault a strong, well-armed, well-defended Israel. For this reason, it is imperative that the establishment of 200 new settlements along Israel's borders be accelerated, for these colonies act as outposts of freedom and, by their very existence, serve to discourage wanton attacks."

## DR. CARLEBACH, EDITOR OF "MAARIV" DIES IN ISRAEL, WAS 47 YEARS OLD

TEL AVIV, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- Dr. Azriel Carlebach, editor-in-chief of "Maariv," the newspaper which has the largest circulation in Israel, died suddenly here this morning of a heart attack. He was 47.

Born in Leipzig, Germany, and educated in rabbinical seminaries in Lithuania and Jerusalem, Dr. Carlebach entered journalism in Berlin in 1928 as a contributor to "Die Weltbuehne." He was editor or staff member of various newspapers in Hamburg, Warsaw, Riga, Lwow, Prague, Paris, London and other large centers of Jewish population throughout Europe before he came to Tel Aviv in 1936 and became editor of the afternoon edition of "Haaretz." In 1948 he joined "Maariv."

He was also editor of pocket books and of a monthly book digest, and a prolific author of books and articles ranging from fiction to ethnology and other scholarly works.